

Portland Newsman Started Mill

"IF YOU SEEK HIS MONUMENT, LOOK AROUND." Our flag at half mast on a day in the latter part of January marked the death of the man who laid the foundation of the industry in which we are the workers today. This man was Henry L. Pittock. To those who knew him best he was affectionately known as "The Little Man," but his littleness was of stature only, for it was his lot to be one of the powerful factors in the growth and development of this Western country.

When a boy of eighteen, Mr. Pittock felt the call to this Northwest country, and with his brother left his early home in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, bound for the land of which he was to become one of the builders. He reached Oregon City in October, 1853, and before the end of that year, in quest of work, he came to a little settlement, Portland, and secured a job on the weekly newspaper, the Portland Oregonian. Today that paper stands a monument to the foresight, the energy and the spirit of the man who, as a boy of eighteen, was glad of the chance to get a job on the paper whose early proprietor clothed and boarded him in exchange for his services.

After five years of work, Mr. Pittock formed a partnership with the original owner of this pioneer paper and two years later came into its ownership, an ownership which he retained for the balance of his life.

The original weekly paper was published on a little hand press in a little shack on the water front, while the Morning Oregonian that we know is published in a home of its own, a large modern building, in the heart of the city of Portland, it being the only morning paper in this city, a paper which is a credit alike to the community and to its builder.

It was the Oregonian of pioneer days which led to the building by Mr. Pittock and his associates of the first paper mill in Oregon. This mill was erected at Oregon City in 1866 and had a daily output of 1500 pounds of paper, enough, perhaps, for the needs of the newspaper in those early days. This first mill was followed by another on the Clackamas river built in 1868. The superintendent of this early mill was William Lewthwaite, the father of A. J. Lewthwaite, who is our resident manager today. It was Mr. Pittock who brought Mr. Lewthwaite from California to manage this little mill on the Clackamas, and shortly before his death Mr. Pittock was showing to a friend the original letter which arranged for the employment of his early superintendent. Later a larger mill was required and thus in 1883 the present Camas mill was started by Mr. Pittock and his associates. Through the intervening years this mill has grown to the plant which we know today and Mr. Pittock has retained a large financial interest in it and the other plants now affiliated with it under the name of the Crown Willamette Paper Company.

At the funeral services for his friend, Mr. Pittock, Dr. Elliott in speaking of his life and works, told of the stone in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, inscribed, "If you Seek His Monument, Look Around," erected there to the memory of the architect who designed that wonderful cathedral as well as many other structures in the city of London. Now truly this same could be said of Mr. Pittock, "If You Seek His Monument, Look Around." In the life and accomplishments of this quiet, unassuming man there is a lesson for all of us of service, idealism, perseverance and judgment which reward the individual and all those whom his activities affect. — MAKING PAPER, Vol. 1, No. 8, February 1919.



OLD-TIMERS — This was the crew of the paper mill here in 1887, just four years after the industry was started at La-Camas. Those identified in the picture are Henry Cropper, George West Sr., Fred Palmer, John Wendt, Charles Bright, Charles Farrell, Sherman Long, Joe Quinn, Walter Brant, Jim Jones, Bob Jones, William Long, Frank Pickett, Mabe Smith, Mr. Blag, Charles Lorenz, A. D. McKeever, William Hood, John Greenizen, Alex Jones, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Coffee, Tom Snell, Tom West, George West Jr., Tom Gavin, Frank Doherty, August Paul, Francis Brant, Henry Karnath, Jim Jones Sr., Jim Farrell, Joe Gervin, At Woodruff, Al Henseley.



YOUNGSTERS — They used to start work at the mill at the age they are now starting junior high school. The two young workers shown in this 1912 picture are Adam Suslick and Robert Harry Fair. The boys are standing on the window of what was No. 7 machine, now is No. 1 or No. 2 tissue machine.

O. T. Defieux President
Camas Post-Washougal Record, Dec. 7, 1934 — Crown Willamette Golf Association (Orchard Hills) present officers are O. T. Defieux, president; P. F. Middlebrook, vice president; Vic Lau, secretary; J. E. Haney, Gus Ostenson, Bill Hart, directors.

March 28, 1908, La-Camas Post — A SCRAPE is enjoyed by some people and A PULL is a luxury for others, while others get the first by reason of the latter. But we have neither nor will we give you either. Only a SMOOTH SHAVE and an even hair cut. That is McDowell & Frey's way.

Golden Crown Club Boasts Big Membership of 172

The Golden Crown Club serves the golden years of Camas' senior citizens.

The club was organized April 14, 1955, in the dining room of the Crown Zellerbach hotel with first officers Earl Lambert, president; Claude Smith, vice president; Harry Jones, secretary; W. D. Montgomery, treasurer.

The group got its name when a \$5 prize was offered by Dick Lawton for the best suggestion. Mrs. Lee Rice was the winner with Gold Crown Club.

Retired Associates

Membership is open to all retired men and women of Crown Zellerbach and their spouses with meetings held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

The hotel basement meeting room was prepared by Crown Zellerbach for the club and complete kitchen facilities donated. An electric refrigerator was donated by Selvy DeWeese, clubroom furniture by Swank and Co., a large mirror by Stoller's, piano by Mr. and Mrs. John Pollard and chairs, tables, lamps, drapes, etc., by C.Z.

An open house to show the

club's appreciation for the kindness shown by Crown Zellerbach was held March 23, 1957, and the corporation furnished flower arrangements, printed napkins, gold paper for decorations, etc. About 500 visitors attended, including some from West Linn and St. Helens.

Picnics, Dinners

The Golden Crown Club holds picnics at Fallen Leaf park each summer and potluck dinners each three months plus a special Christmas party with turkey and all the trimmings.

Each Thursday members meet at 2 p. m. in the clubrooms for pinocle, canasta or Chinese checkers.

So far four wedding anniversaries have been celebrated: E. O. and the late Mrs. Rice, their 60th; Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Knaut and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott, all 50th.

At present the club's membership is 172.

LaVerne Bailie is working on a loudspeaker for the clubroom. The members of the Golden Crown Club wish to express their appreciation for all the nice things Crown Zellerbach has done for the club.